

NSF Graduate Research Fellowships
REFERENCE REPORT FORM
Date for filing: December 5, 2002

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PLEASE TYPE.

Name of Applicant: _____
last first middle Jr,II,etc

Name of Reference: _____
last first middle

Title: _____ Department: _____ Institution: _____

Telephone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

To the Reference: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship applicants are evaluated on the basis of the two NSF merit review criteria: 1) the intellectual merit of the applicant and 2) the broader impacts of supporting this applicant. See the *Guidelines for Submission of Applications* at <http://www.nsf.gov/grfp> for more information about the two merit review criteria.

a. ACQUAINTANCE WITH APPLICANT:

I have known the applicant for a period of _____ years and/or _____ months.

I have known the applicant when he/she was _____ an undergraduate _____ a graduate student _____ a research assistant
_____ a teaching assistant _____ other (specify) _____

I have served as the applicant's _____ research adviser _____ teacher in several classes _____ department chair
_____ major adviser _____ teacher in only one class _____ other (specify) _____

Please rate the applicant in comparison with other students whom you have known in similar stages of their academic careers by placing an "X" (on one of the lines) under the appropriate column for each measure.

Truly Exceptional (Top 1%)	Excellent (Top 5%)	Very Good (Top 10%)	Good (Top 25%)	Average (Top 50%)	Below Average (Lower 50%)	No Basis for Judgment
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b. INTELLECTUAL MERIT:

Knowledge in chosen field	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Motivation and perseverance toward educational goals	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to work independently	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to work as a member of a research team	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Communication skills	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Imagination and probable creativity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

c. BROADER IMPACTS:

Fostering integration of research and education	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Advancing diversity in science	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Enhancing scientific and technical understanding	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benefiting society	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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d. OVERALL RECOMMENDATION:

Please indicate the strength of your overall endorsement of this applicant for an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship by placing an "X" on one of the lines.

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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
1	2	3	4	5	6

e. Comment specifically on the applicant's strengths and limitations for graduate study and the broader impacts of supporting this applicant's graduate study. Descriptions of significant accomplishments and qualities related to NSF's two merit review criteria are particularly helpful. Your written comments should support your assessments given above.

IMPORTANT - CONFIDENTIALITY: NSF will protect your comments and your identity as a reference from public disclosure to the maximum extent possible. However, if the applicant requests records on his or her application under the Privacy Act of 1974, we may be required to release to the applicant a copy of your comments.

If you mark "A" below, the Foundation will hold your identity and your identifying information contained in your comments in confidence. If you do not request confidentiality by marking "A", NSF may also be required to disclose to the applicant your identity.

You must place an "X" beside one of the following two statements:

_____ A. My preparation of this Reference Report Form is conditioned on the promise of the Foundation to hold my identity in confidence.

_____ B. My preparation of this Reference Report Form is *not* conditioned on the promise of the Foundation to hold my identity in confidence.

Submit in a sealed envelope directly to the applicant or mail to one of the addresses below:

Mailing address:
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Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37831-3010

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Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830
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